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DETECTION OF CHANGES IN THE CONCENTRATION
OF RADON GAS DISSOLVED IN WATER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In advance of prosecution, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 3, after "Description", add the following:

--This application is a national stage entry of PCT/EP01/02566, filed March 7, 2001, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 09/180,706, filed November 13, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,232,598.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel the previous version of the following claim and replace it with the following rewritten version. A marked up copy showing the amendment since the previous version is annexed as a separate page.

Claim 6 (amended). Method according to claim 1, wherein the gas zone is a diffusion hose.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to place the claim into conventional format, and to eliminate improper multiple dependency.

Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

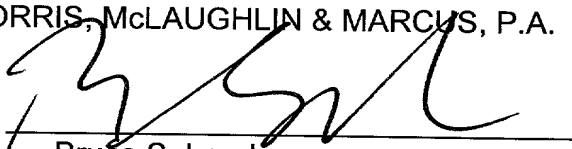
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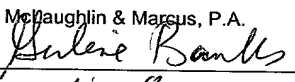

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SHOWING CHANGES RELATIVE TO PREVIOUS VERSION

Claim 6 (amended). Method according to [one of the above-mentioned
Claims 1 to 5] claim 1, wherein the gas zone is a diffusion hose.